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Subject: Request for the Storage of the Asian Language Census Forms

During Census 2000 the Census Bureau provided D-1s and D-2s in five foreign languages, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Tagalog. The imaging software was set up so that the Spanish forms could be captured directly. The information on the other four language forms needed transferring to an English form in order for the imaging software to capture it.

The National Processing Center (NPC) translated responses in any of the Asian languages and transferred them to the English forms (called translation). Responses in English transferred directly to the English form (called transcription). The NPC is now wanting to destroy the original forms.

We are requesting storage of the forms because the process of translation and transcription was done without a quality assurance process in place. The Decennial Statistical Studies Division (DSSD) would like to assess the extent of errors made in the process.

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